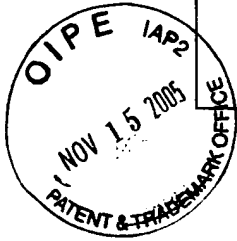


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Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2005, Applicants respectfully  
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